

The
Sacramento Valley
Water Management Program

*Scoping Report
for the EIS/EIR*

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CVP	Central Valley Project
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
Reclamation	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Short-Term Program	Short-Term Sacramento Valley Water Management Program
SWP	State Water Project

Scoping Process

1.1 Summary of the Scoping Process

This report provides an overview of the oral and written comments received at scoping meetings held for the Short-Term Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (Short-Term Program) Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). This report also summarizes public concerns and determines the geographic distribution of concerns to assist in preparing the EIS.

1.2 Proposed Action

The Proposed Action proposes to implement the short-term phase of the Short-Term Program, as articulated in the Short-Term Settlement Agreement. Key provisions of the Short-Term Program are summarized as follows:

1. **Development of Project Capacity.** Upstream water users will implement projects with the capacity to produce up to 185,000 acre-feet per year of water that would otherwise not be available from the Sacramento River.
2. **Projects to Achieve Project Capacity.** The project capacity will be achieved through the implementation of projects listed in the October 2001 Short-Term Workplan, as well as additional projects that are either currently proposed or may be proposed in the future. Figure 1 shows the locations and type of projects currently proposed. The Short-Term Workplan includes the following types of projects (**implementation of those**

identified by an asterisk would require some ground disturbance and/or result in environmental impacts/benefits):

- (Conjunctive) Water Management*
- System Improvement (e.g., canal lining)*
- Reservoir Re-operation (e.g., changes in storage and release patterns)*
- Groundwater and Surface Water Planning (e.g., feasibility studies)
- Institutional/Regulatory Barriers (policy-oriented actions)

3. **Notification Process.** The scoping process for the Short-Term Program was designed to determine the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in this environmental review. In general, the objectives of scoping are to focus environmental review on issues that concern the community, including the following:

- Ensure that the proposed action and alternatives are balanced and thorough
- Identify appropriate participants
- Determine the potentially affected area
- Identify what constraints might affect implementation
- Formulate potential alternatives

To achieve these objectives, the public is notified of the proposed action, and input is

solicited during a comment period when the public may comment, by oral testimony or written comment, on the proposed action.

Although scoping is used under both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to determine the focus and content of an EIR or EIS, it is a more formalized process under NEPA. The NEPA requires a formal scoping process for each EIS. Additionally, the Council on Environmental Quality has issued formal guidance to assist federal agencies in the scoping process. Under CEQA, scoping is a permissive process that differs from agency to agency.

The formal scoping process for the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program began with publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on August 5, 2003 (see Appendix A). The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) then distributed a press release on August 6, 2003 (see Appendix B). This additional notification was sent to those on a mailing list that was derived from past work mailed to more than 200 individuals, interest groups, and other organizations. A copy of Reclamation's portion of the mailing list is included as Appendix G. In addition, the press release was mailed to individuals on a general California Department of Water Resources (DWR) mailing list (including the media) and to addressees on a Northern California Water Association mailing list.

Comments were received and recorded up through September 5, 2003. Comments on the Proposed Action will be accepted throughout the Short-Term Program; however, they will not be included in this report. During the scoping period, public meetings were held on August 20 and 21, 2003, and are described in detail in Section 1.3. In addition, a compilation of oral comments and answers to specific questions,

where possible, given at the public scoping meetings are provided in Appendices C and D. These are labeled as "Responses."

A Notice of Preparation under CEQA was filed with the State Clearinghouse on August 6, 2003. The DWR posted its own version of the Reclamation press release on its website on August 6, and posted an announcement in the California Water News on August 7. Because a joint NEPA/CEQA document is planned, this scoping report also includes comments submitted pursuant to CEQA.

The environmental process will result in the release of a Public Draft EIS/EIR that will also be subject to public input. The availability of these documents will be announced, and a public comment period will follow their release to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the findings of the documents. At the conclusion of this public comment period, Reclamation will address the comments and finalize the environmental documents.

1.3 Scoping Meetings

Two scoping meetings were held. The first was held on August 20, 2003, at the Expo Inn in Sacramento; and the second was held on August 21, 2003, at Colusa Industrial Properties in Colusa. Both meetings took place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The attendees were greeted at a reception/sign-in table at the entrance to the conference room. Attendees were asked to sign in, handed an agenda for the meeting, and informed about the comment sheets available on the table. Copies of the sign-in sheets showing who attended the public scoping meetings held August 20 and 21, 2003, are provided in Appendices H and I, respectively. The attendees were then given an opportunity to browse the project maps and information posters, brochures, and

handouts This informal browsing period lasted approximately 30 minutes in Sacramento and was abbreviated for the Colusa meeting.

A presentation (see Appendix E) was given describing the scoping process, proposed action, and request for input. After the presentation, oral comments were received from the public for about an hour. Section 2.0 presents a summary of the audience's oral and written comments. During the public meeting, CH2M HILL attempted to answer specific questions where possible. These answers are presented in Section 2.1 as "Responses."

Attendees were encouraged to complete comment sheets and either turn them in at the end of the meeting or return them by September 5, 2003, to ensure inclusion in the Scoping Report. Returned comment sheets and other correspondence regarding the Scoping Meeting are contained in Appendix F.

Summary of Comments

2.1 Oral Comments

2.1.1 August 20, 2003, Scoping Meeting – Sacramento

The following oral comments were received during the public scoping meeting held on August 20, 2003, at Expo Inn in Sacramento, California:

- What alternatives are being considered?
- How will the project affect Freeport flows relative to Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District discharges and diversions?
- How will “color” of water be distinguished?
- Will the Central Valley Project (CVP) store State Water Project (SWP) water and vice-versa?
- What is the purpose of the action?
- Will subsidence be considered?
- Will there be a net depletion of Delta supplies (month-by-month)?
- What is the No Action Alternative?
- Will CVP water be created?
- The document needs to assess the potential impacts of any alternative on Project power.
- The document should identify sources of capital funding for projects (there is a competitive demand for dollars), even though this is not required by CEQA/NEPA. Competitive demands include those that would use the Restoration Fund.

- Will the EIS/EIR consider water quality changes to the west side of the San Joaquin Valley?
- Will CVP and SWP reservoir re-operation (e.g., Folsom, at the bottom of the system) be considered?
- Will the document address benefits of system improvement projects in terms of linkages to other programs (i.e., Environmental Restoration Program, Water Use Efficiency Program)?

2.1.2 August 21, 2003, Scoping Meeting – Colusa

The following oral comments were received during the public scoping meeting held on August 21, 2003, at Colusa Industrial Properties in Colusa, California:

- How are other studies (Sacramento River Reliability Study [e.g., 35,000 acre-feet per year of American River water for habitat; Integrated SWP/CVP Management Plan [e.g., South Delta Improvements Program/Banks capacity at 8,500 cfs]; Freeport diversion) to be incorporated into the document?
- Will there be a “blanket” prescription for groundwater monitoring? (Glenn County’s program provides a good template.)
- Will flows be considered relative to existing bridges (footings)?
- What are opportunities for Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement participants to comment on other actions?
- How will short-term projects be funded?

2.2 Written Comments

Thirteen individual letters containing written comments were received during the scoping period. Those who provided written comments include the following:

- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Leo Winternitz with the Sacramento Region Water Forum
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Barris Farms in Butte County
- Butte County Office of County Counsel
- John Herrick representing South Delta Water Agency
- Dante John Nomellini
- Manager and Co-Counsel for Central Delta Water Agency
- Department of Water Resources, Floodplain Management Branch
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Western Area Power Administration
- Glenn County Department of Agriculture

A general summary of the main topics of concern as stated in written communications is provided below:

1. General

- Make point size at least 2 times larger on Summary Table 1 [on PPT presentation].
- The Short-Term Program should recognize the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement and describe any

potential impacts, negative or beneficial, that might have an effect on the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement.

- Show why Reclamation and DWR history of piecemeal and unscientific water management will not repeat itself.
- Be specific about what safeguards will be instituted in the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program so that impacts from the Delta will not be redirected to the Sacramento Valley.
- Concerned that the science and decisionmaking process for the Short-Term Program will be by contractors and for contractors, and will have no mechanisms for including other points of view/other kinds of information.
- The EIS/EIR has to describe a better decisionmaking, adaptive management, and scientific review process than what is described in the Notice of Intent.
- The CVP and SWP contractors should not be freed from DWR and Reclamation oversight.
- All actions undertaken by the Short-Term Program should be required to adopt efficient water management practices.
- Evaluate how these supply agreements will relate to other Central Valley Project Improvement Act actions, such as water transfers and/or water purchases expected to take place in the Central Valley.
- Expand Purpose and Need Statement to adequately describe the reasoning for the proposed actions.

- Identify how these actions will compete with other CALFED-related program activities.
 - Include analysis of separate impacts of the Short-Term Program in the larger context of the Napa Proposal.
 - Assure that all decisions regarding these actions will be taken with regard to CVP water supplies and will reflect a balancing of all existing and competing future demands.
2. Delta Water Quality
- Delineate water quality in and through the Delta.
 - Analyze how changes in flows can affect the flushing of salts in the Delta.
3. Export Water Effects
- Water transfers should be limited to that made available by net surface water consumption decreases.
 - Consider effects upon water levels, quality, channel depths, and flow.
 - Discuss the degradation of lands on west side of San Joaquin River.
 - Identify adverse effects that result in drainage of high-saline waters into San Joaquin River.
4. CEQA Thresholds/Significance Criteria
- Use Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Municipal District construction **and** operational air quality thresholds of significance:
 - Adopt standard mitigation for any project exceeding either parameter.
- Include significance criteria for power resources impacts.
5. Programmatic Roles of Reclamation and DWR
- Describe how Reclamation and DWR are required to assure that the Short-Term Program will meet the flow-related water quality requirements of State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Decision D-1641.
 - Clarify DWR and Reclamation's State Board-mandated roles as the responsible parties for meeting flow-related water quality objectives for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
 - Disclose and analyze how Reclamation and DWR will assure D-1641 requirements are achieved without injury to other legal uses and users of surface and groundwater, including those water users who have area-of-origin and senior water rights to the CVP and SWP.
6. Bridges
- Analyze before-and-after streamflow information to determine effects upon operation and integrity of bridges, especially with regard to bridge footings.
 - Recognize that a bridge can be a project constraint.
7. Beneficial Uses of Delta
- Describe effects on downstream beneficial uses resulting from changes in reservoir releases and changes in return flows.
 - Provide analysis of downstream (into and including the Delta) riparian, pre-1914, and superior appropriative right needs, including analysis of

“natural flow” available for beneficial uses.

- Analyze how increased export pumping may affect all beneficial uses and users in the Delta.

8. Air Quality

- Address short-term effects (construction), which includes reducing emissions from off-road diesel power equipment used during construction.
- Address long-term effects (operation) control, visible emission from off-road diesel-powered equipment used on project site.

9. Power Resources

- Identify and analyze potential impacts to CVP hydropower resources in Issues and Alternatives section.
- The Short-Term Program should commit to CALFED solution principles to reduce conflicts in the system, be equitable to all, be affordable, be long lasting, be implementable, and have **no** significant redirected impacts; this commitment must be made in particular to the CVP Preference Power customers.
- Prepare a detailed analysis on impact of the Short-Term Program upon power customers and water service contractors; this would include all costs to power and water customers in wet-, normal-, and dry-year scenarios and any impacts to reliability of water deliveries.
- Present assurance that DWR and Reclamation have a complete understanding of the operational impacts brought about by proposed actions.

- Discuss adverse impacts of shifting generation from summer to spring and fall and diurnally (on and off peak). Generation is most valuable during peak load periods in summer and less in the lower load period in spring and fall months.

- Confirm that there will be no re-operation of CVP reservoirs as a result of the Short-Term Program.
- If pumping power is to be required, the amount and timing of the power use must be specifically identified and included in the project matrix.
- If CVP water is used and pumping power is a component of the action, identify it as such and identify mitigation for the action.
- Assure power is available and identify the power provider and costs in the workplan evaluation.
- Provide commitment that Preference Power customers are protected.

10. Delta/River Flows

- Delineate flows in and through the Delta.
- Identify impacts to Delta inflow from changes in groundwater levels and related channel losses.
- Carefully evaluate effects on river flow from point of diversion and on return flows.
- Take into account effects on downstream flows resulting from changes in reservoir releases.
- Analyze interaction between application of surface water, groundwater levels, and accretions to and depletions from surface streams.

11. Groundwater Pumping/Substitution

- Discuss development of baselines for surface and groundwater modeling and monitoring information for the short-term work projects.
- Opportunity for abuse and error is high in unconfined groundwater basins.
- Groundwater substitution should not be confused with groundwater banking.
- Proper placement and construction of monitoring wells should be reviewed and accepted by the Glenn County Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee.
- Be clear about what safeguards will be put in place to ensure the Sacramento streams will not become “water-losing” systems like the Consumnes and San Joaquin River systems due to over pumping.
- Reclamation and DWR modeling tools are inadequate.
- CALSIM should not be used as a planning tool.

12. Legal/Statutory

- Acknowledge California Water Code Sections 1392 and 1629 prohibiting profiteering from appropriative rights issued by the State Water Resources Control Board in transfers to public entities.
- Analyze how proposed transfers comply with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act Section 3405(a)(1)(I); decreasing delivery of CVP water and substituting groundwater is not a decrease in consumptive use as referenced in statute.

- Analyze how proposed transfers comply with California Water Code Sections 11460 et seq. and 12200 et seq.

13. Indian Trust Assets

- Increased use of groundwater could impact Indian Trust Assets, which include cultural resources, water resources, and water rights.
- Outreach through several information meetings have occurred both at tribal and federal/state facilities similar to the approach CALFED exhibited for the North of Delta Storage Project.
- Meaningful consultation/participation should be offered to Redding, Berry Creek, Enterprise, Mooretown, Grindstone, and Colusa Rancherias.
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs should be afforded cooperating agency status for the EIS/EIR preparation.

14. Cumulative Impacts

- Provide real evidence that guarantees a repeat of San Joaquin and Delta water catastrophes will not happen in the Sacramento Valley as a result of cumulative Reclamation and DWR actions.
- Provide real evidence that guarantees a repeat of DWR’s Drought Water Bank of 1994 is now impossible due to adequate safeguards.
- Provide real evidence that guarantees domestic and agricultural wells in Butte County will not go dry as a result of the Short-Term Program, or in combination with other Reclamation and DWR North State water management programs.

- Address cumulative impacts of obtaining water at a regional and CVP projectwide level and not just at the individual basinwide level; include effect upon groundwater and surface water that would occur from these supply agreements and cumulative impact on the dry-year shortages upon water service contracts.

the Sacramento Valley and Butte County.

These topics will be considered in the preparation of the NEPA/CEQA document.

15. Other Comments

- Demonstrate the actions will not degrade the reliability of their contract water supply.
- Ensure best available science is used to identify and rectify redirected cumulative impacts from Reclamation and DWR programs.
- Show how Reclamation and DWR will avoid impacts to sensitive environmental resources and to adjoining water users.
- Best Available Science
 - Address how science and whose science will be used to prevent damages to other parties.
 - Ensure that the best available science is used in the evaluation of environmental and third-party impacts, including redirected impacts, and disclose all sources to ensure the transparency of the analysis
 - Incorporate science and programmatic oversight to ensure SVWMP participants are not executing agreements among themselves that internalize the benefits from the public's CVP and SWP water while externalizing costs to other water users and to the environment of

Appendix A
Notice of Intent (Federal Register) –
August 5, 2003

the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2003 (68 FR 23759), announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. We received no comments in response to this notice.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by September 4, 2003.

Public Comment Policy: We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/InfoColl/InfoColCom.htm. We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: July 25, 2003.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Klamath Project, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of order establishing prohibitions in areas of Bureau of Reclamation Lands and Projects.

PURPOSE: To provide for the safety of the public and protection of government property.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR part 423, Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Lands and Projects, the Bureau of Reclamation is issuing a Closure Order for certain lands and waters of the Klamath Project in the State of Oregon.

In accordance with 43 CFR part 423, Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Lands, Reclamation is publishing the Closure Order in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: immediately and indefinitely.

ADDRESSES: Klamath Basin Area Office, 6600 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Sabo, Area Manager, (541) 883-6935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is being taken under 43 CFR 423, to protect Reclamation facilities and property and to improve public safety. The Order prohibits trespassing, entering, or remaining in or upon the closure areas as described; tampering or attempting to tamper with the facilities, structures or other property located within the closure areas or moving, manipulating, or setting in motion any parts thereof; vandalism or destroying, injuring, defacing, or damaging property or real property that is not under one's lawful control or possession. The following areas are closed to public access:

A Canal Headgate Area—The closure area includes all lands, waters and facilities within 100 feet of either side of the centerline of the A Canal which lies between the Highway 97 onramp and the canal's confluence with Upper Klamath Lake. This closure area includes the entire A Canal headgate facility and related structures and buildings, walkways, gate operating mechanisms and all lands surrounding such structures within the described area.

Link River—The closure area includes the entire dam structure and surrounding lands and water 100 feet downstream and 50 feet upstream of the

dam and 50 feet from the right and left abutments.

Station 48 Drop—The closure area includes the land, water and facilities within and including the existing fence surrounding the headgate structure.

Klamath Basin Area Office

Headquarters Area—The closure area includes the land and facilities immediately adjacent to and south of the KBAO office building and lying within and including the existing chain link fence which is bounded on the north by Joe Wright Road and on the east by Washburn Way and excludes the formal offices of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The following acts are prohibited on the facilities, lands and waters in the above described closure areas:

1. Trespassing, entering, or remaining in or upon the closure areas described above. Exceptions: Operations and Maintenance personnel that have express authorization from Reclamation, law enforcement officers and Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment, and any others who have received express written authorization from Reclamation to enter the closure areas.

2. Tampering or attempting to tamper with the facilities, structures or other property located within the closure areas or moving, manipulating, or setting in motion any of the parts thereof. Exceptions: see 1 above.

3. Vandalism or destroying, injuring, defacing, or damaging property within the closure areas or real property that is not under one's lawful control or possession. This order is posted at the Klamath Basin Area Office, and at closed areas in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 423.3(b).

Dated: July 29, 2003.

Christine D. Karas,

Acting Area Manager, Klamath Basin Area Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program—Implementation of Short-term Projects

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) and hold public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) propose to prepare a Programmatic EIS/EIR to analyze the potential effects of the short-term phase of the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (Short-term Program). The Short-term Program would include implementation of multiple short-term water management projects and other actions. The short-term projects would be implemented by Reclamation, CDWR, and Sacramento Valley water-users, and each project would operate for 10 years after implementation. The programmatic analysis in this EIS/EIR would include, but is not limited to, projects described in the "Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement Short-term Workplan, October 2001" ("Short-term Workplan"). The purpose of implementing the Short-term Program is to promote better water management in the Sacramento Valley and develop additional water supplies through a cooperative water management partnership. The Short-term Program was developed to resolve water quality and water rights issues as an alternative to determining responsibility for flow-related water quality objectives of the 1995 Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan through a State Water Resources Control Board water rights hearing.

The environmental effects of some short-term projects would also be analyzed at a site-specific level of detail in the Programmatic EIS/EIR, and would constitute the final CEQA or NEPA document for those projects. As many short-term projects as possible would be analyzed at a site-specific level; however, the specific projects to be analyzed at that level are unknown at this time. Specific alternatives have not been identified at this time, and will be developed following scoping. Public scoping meetings regarding the preparation of the Programmatic EIS/EIR will be conducted as described below.

This notice is published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act regulations

found in 40 CFR 1501.7. The purpose of this notice is to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the Programmatic EIS/EIR. A similar notice is being published by the CDWR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Comments and participation in this scoping process are encouraged.

DATES: Two public scoping meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, August 20, 2003, 3–5 p.m., Sacramento, CA
- Thursday, August 21, 2003, 3–5 p.m., Colusa, CA

ADDRESSES: Scoping meetings will be held at:

- Sacramento at the Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue (just south of Arden Way), The Expo Room.
- Colusa at the Colusa Industrial Properties, 100 Sunrise Boulevard (off Highway 45/20), The Conference Room.

Written comments on the scope of the Short-term Program or issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR should be sent to the California Department of Water Resources, Attention: John Fielden, Project Manager, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236–0001 by September 5, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fielden with CDWR via e-mail at jfielden@water.ca.gov or by calling (916) 651–7053 or Robert Eckart with Reclamation via e-mail at reckart@mp.usbr.gov or by calling (916) 978–5051. Additional information may also be found on the CDWR Web site at www.water.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As an alternative to participating in the State Water Resources Control Board's Phase 8 Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearings, Reclamation, CDWR, and numerous Sacramento Valley and export water interests entered into the "Short-term Agreement to Guide Implementation of the Short-term Water Management Actions to Meet Local Water Supply Needs and to Make Water Available to the SWP and CVP to Assist In Meeting the Requirements of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan and to Resolve Phase 8 Issues" (the Short-term Settlement Agreement). The Short-term

Settlement Agreement established a process by which parties collaborate in the development and implementation of a variety of projects and actions to help meet flow-related water quality objectives established for the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta, meet local water needs, and improve water supplies throughout the State.

Five categories of short-term projects and actions will be considered in the Short-term Program EIS/EIR:

- *Water Management*—includes groundwater substitution in lieu of surface water supplies, conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water, refurbish existing groundwater extraction wells, install groundwater monitoring stations, and install new groundwater extraction wells (some actions include construction of facilities)

- *Reservoir Re-operation*—includes changes in the operational diagrams and schedules for reservoirs in the Sacramento River watershed

- *System Improvement*—includes canal lining, tailwater recovery, and improved operations (some actions include construction of facilities)

- *Surface Water and Groundwater Planning*—includes studies, modeling, monitoring, and area wide inventory or assessment (actions could include minor construction of facilities for monitoring and testing purposes)

- *Other Actions*—includes potential water transfer actions and/or actions with substantial regulatory/institutional requirements (does not involve construction of facilities).

The effects of implementing the Short-term Program (short-term projects and actions) will be evaluated at the programmatic level. The known short-term projects proposed throughout the Sacramento Valley are presented in Table 1. In addition to the programmatic analysis, some proposed projects would also be analyzed at a site-specific level to allow for their immediate implementation. As many projects as possible would be analyzed at a site-specific level of review; however, the specific projects to be analyzed at that level are unknown at this time.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED SHORT-TERM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO BE ANALYZED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC EIS/EIR *

Project name (type)	Proponent	County	Description
Redding Sub-basin: Conjunctive Use Program (Water Management)	Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.	Shasta County	Construct monitoring and extraction wells.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED SHORT-TERM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO BE ANALYZED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC EIS/
EIR *—Continued

Project name (type)	Proponent	County	Description
Churn Creek Lateral Improvements (System Improvement).	Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.	Shasta County	Replace leaky canal lateral with pipeline in the reach east of the Sacramento River to eliminate seepage and spills.
Main Canal Modernization Project (System Improvement).	Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.	Shasta County	Construct canal improvements to eliminate spills and reduce diversions.
Redding Basin Water Resources Management Plan (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.	Shasta County	Complete Phase 2C—Water Supply and Management Alternatives, part of multi-step planning process.
Feather/Butte Sub-basin:			
Integrated Watershed and Resource Conservation Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Butte County	Butte County	Integrated watershed and resource conservation, groundwater monitoring and modeling, forecast water use.
Groundwater Monitoring Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Butte County	Butte County	Install additional monitoring wells and extensometers, monitoring.
Groundwater Modeling Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Butte County	Butte County	Update existing model to support decision-making about groundwater resources, as well as overall water resources management in the County.
Sutter-Butte Main Canal Lining Project (System Improvement).	Sutter Extension Water District, Gridley Water District, Richvale Irrigation District.	Butte and Sutter Counties	Conduct field study, obtain environmental permits, develop final construction drawings, construct.
Concow Dam (Reservoir Reoperation)	Thermalito Irrigation District.	Butte County	Feasibility study for raising existing concrete dam.
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	RD 1004	Colusa County	Install extraction wells.
Colusa Sub-basin:			
Development of Conjunctive Water Management Facilities (Water Management).	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Fully use private landowner wells.
Conjunctive Use Project (Water Management)	Maxwell Irrigation District ..	Colusa County	Test-hole drilling, evaluation and production well construction and testing, groundwater monitoring.
Stony Creek Fan Conjunctive Water Management Program (Water Management).	Orland-Artois Water District, Orland Unit Water Users' Association, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.	Glenn County	Feasibility study, groundwater production investigation, groundwater monitoring program, integrated groundwater/surface water model, and outreach plan.
Pilot Well Development/Conjunctive Management Project (Water Management).	RD 108	Colusa and Yolo Counties	Development of production well and analysis of basin expenses.
Tehama-Colusa Canal Extension (Water Management and System Improvement).	Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Yolo-Zamora Water District.	Colusa and Yolo Counties	Prepare hydrologic and concept reports, conduct preliminary design, and collect information for project-specific environmental analysis.
Glen County Groundwater Monitoring Program and Model Development (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.	Glenn County	Develop groundwater data clearinghouse, analyze existing data, design monitoring program, install new monitoring wells, develop groundwater model.
Water Inventory and Analysis (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Tehama County	Tehama County	Information gathering process and analysis.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED SHORT-TERM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO BE ANALYZED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC EIS/
EIR *—Continued

Project name (type)	Proponent	County	Description
Feasibility Study: Regulatory Reservoirs and Off-canal Storage (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Feasibility study.
Flow Measurement Devices in Main Canal, Lateral System, and Drain Outflow Points/Existing Automation Program (System Improvement).	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Permitting, design, and construction of 12 flow measurement devices at previously identified system outflow points/permitting, design, and construction of 5 Main Canal check structures.
Regional Water Use Efficiency Project (System Improvement).	Orland Unit Water Users Association and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.	Glenn County	Conduct feasibility studies, build pilot projects, and begin conceptual design of regional pipeline.
Development of Conveyance Alternatives for TCCA Emergency Water Supplies (System Improvement).	Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.	Colusa County	Feasibility study for Stony Creek Conveyance options; investigate an interim solution to operate a constant head orifice; agency coordination and permit planning.
Tehama-Colusa Canal Conveyance of Water to Sites Reservoir (System Improvement).	Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Feasibility study, review ability of Tehama-Colusa Canal to convey potential water to a Sites Reservoir.
Antelope Creek Retention Basin Feasibility Study (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.	Tehama County	Feasibility study for construction of a retention basin.
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District.	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Construct one groundwater extraction well.
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	Provident Irrigation District	Glenn and Colusa Counties.	Construct one groundwater extraction well.
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	River Garden Farms	Yolo County	Construct three groundwater extraction wells.
Yuba Sub-basin: Coordinated Operations Project (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Yuba County Water Agency.	Yuba County	Feasibility investigation of water supply benefits for out-of-county use, environmental and Endangered Species Act assessment and potential increased flood control benefits.
Conjunctive Use and Water Management Project (Water Management).	Brown's Valley Irrigation District.	Yuba County	Development of four groundwater production wells in lower portion of district and a lift pump and conveyance pipe to supply water to upper end of district.
Conjunctive Use Project (Water Management)	Yuba County Water Agency.	Yuba County	Installation of extraction wells.
Sutter Sub-basin: Groundwater Monitoring Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Sutter Mutual Water Company.	Sutter County	Additional monitoring well, monitoring and data collection.
Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Sutter County	Sutter County	Information gathering process and analysis.
Groundwater Management Plan (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Sutter County	Sutter County	Information gathering process and analysis.
Irrigation Recycle Project (System Improvement)	Sutter Mutual Water Company, RD 1500.	Sutter County	Feasibility analysis of a tailwater recovery system.
Canal Lining (System Improvement)	Sutter Mutual Water Company.	Sutter County	Canal lining to reduce diversions, eliminate spills.
Ground Water Development (Water Management) ..	Pelger Mutual Water Company.	Sutter County	Construct two groundwater extraction wells.

TABLE 1.—PROPOSED SHORT-TERM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO BE ANALYZED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC EIS/EIR *—Continued

Project name (type)	Proponent	County	Description
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	Meridian Farms	Sutter County	Installation of extraction wells.
American Sub-basin: Conjunctive Use Project (Water Management)	Natomas Central Mutual Water Company.	Sacramento and Sutter Counties.	Pump existing wells, monitoring and analyzing results after one season.
Water Management Project (Water Management) ...	Pleasant Grove Verona Mutual Water Company.	Sutter County	Installation of extraction wells.
Re-operation of the Middle Fork Project (Reservoir Re-operation).	Placer County Water Agency.	Placer County	Re-operate primary storage reservoirs.
Yolo Sub-basin: Conjunctive Use Project Feasibility Study for Expanding Surface Water Supplies to the Yolo-Zamora Water District (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning and System Improvement).	Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.	Yolo County	Feasibility study for expanding surface water supplies to Yolo Zamora.
Conjunctive Use Project Feasibility Study for Expanding Surface Water Supplies to Agricultural Water Users in Areas (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning and System Improvement).	Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.	Yolo County	Feasibility study for expanding surface water supplies to Agricultural areas northwest of Woodland.
Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.	Yolo County	Development of a groundwater-quality monitoring program.
Delta Sub-basin: Conjunctive Use Proposal (Water Management)	RD 2068	Yolo County	Develop a single production well to determine conjunctive use potential.
Sacramento Valley: Sub-basin-level Water Measurement (Surface Water/Groundwater Planning).	Participants in the Basin-wide Management Plan.	Sacramento Valley—Various Counties.	Feasibility study, design and construction of water measurement facilities.

* The effects analysis in the Programmatic EIS/EIR would not be limited to these projects, and would include all short-term projects and actions that could be proposed under the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program.

This Programmatic EIS/EIR is expected to analyze the adverse and beneficial effects of implementing the Short-term Program on these environmental resources: surface water, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, vegetation, special-status species, land-use, cultural resources, air quality, noise, recreation, energy, visual impacts, and socioeconomic conditions. Analysis presented in the Programmatic EIS/EIR will also determine if environmental justice issues are associated with the Short-term Program. Although there are Indian Trust Assets (ITAs) in the counties where these projects are proposed, any association between these ITAs and the proposed projects and actions is unknown at this time. The following is a list of tribal trust land, per county where these projects are proposed:

- Shasta County—Redding Rancheria
- Butte County—Berry Creek Rancheria, Enterprise Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria
- Glenn County—Grindstone Rancheria
- Colusa County—Colusa Rancheria, Cortina Rancheria

It is Reclamation's practice to make comments on a Notice of Intent, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

Robert Eckart,

Chief, Environmental Compliance Branch, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-454]

Remediation and Nature and Landscape Protection Services: An Overview of U.S. and Foreign Markets

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of Investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 2003.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on July 1, 2003 from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-454, Remediation and Nature and Landscape Protection Services: An Examination of U.S. and Foreign Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Jennifer Baumert, Project Leader (202-502-3450; jbaumert@usitc.gov), or Richard Brown, Chief, Services and Investment Division

Appendix B
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation News Release –
August 5, 2003



NEWS RELEASE

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Sacramento, California

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Jeffrey S. McCracken
916-978-5100

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2003

**RECLAMATION SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON
PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR
SACRAMENTO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are seeking public input on the preparation of the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for implementing the short-term Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (SVWM Program). Two public scoping meetings will be held to solicit input on the scope of the short-term SVWM Program and the issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR:

In Sacramento

Wednesday, August 20, 2003, 3 – 5 p.m.
Expo Inn
1413 Howe Avenue (just south of Arden Way)
The Expo Room

In Colusa

Thursday, August 21, 2003, 3 – 5 p.m.
Colusa Industrial Properties
100 Sunrise Boulevard (off Hwy 45/20)
The Conference Room

The purpose of the SVWM Program is to promote better water management in the Sacramento Valley and develop additional water supplies through a cooperative water management partnership. The participants include Reclamation, DWR, Northern California Water Association, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, some Sacramento Valley water users, and Central Valley Project and State Water Project contractors. The SVWM Program was developed to help resolve water quality and water rights issues arising from the need to meet the flow-related water quality objectives of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and the State Water Resources Control Board's Phase 8 Water Rights Hearing process. The short-term projects and actions include the development of ground water to substitute for surface water supplies, reservoir reoperation, and system improvements. These projects and actions will be implemented for a period of 10 years in areas of Shasta, Butte, Sutter, Glenn, Tehama, Colusa, Sacramento, Placer, and Yolo Counties.

The public is invited to provide written comments on issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS/EIR. Please send written comments to the Department of Water Resources, Attention: John Fielden, Project Manager, P.O. Box 94286, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 or via e-mail to jfielden@water.ca.gov no later than Friday, September 5, 2003.

For additional information, please contact John Fielden with DWR at 916-651-7053 or Bob Eckart with Reclamation at reckart@mp.usbr.gov or 916-978-5051. Information is also on www.dwr.water.ca.gov.

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Reclamation is the largest wholesale water supplier and the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the United States, with operation and facilities in the 17 Western States. Its facilities also provide substantial flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits.

Appendix C
Scoping Meeting Notes – August 20, 2003

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program Public Scoping Meeting Notes August 20, 2003

“Responses” presented in the Final Scoping Report were provided to explain or clarify the action to facilitate the information-gathering process. They are not the official responses.

The official responses and issues addressed will be completed through the National Environmental Policy Act process including responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in the Final EIS/EIR. The official responses will be developed by the entire interdisciplinary team after the public comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR.

The following oral comments and responses were made at the public scoping meeting held on August 20, 2003, at Expo Inn in Sacramento, California:

Comment:

What alternatives are being considered?

Response:

- *These are the alternatives that are currently being considered:*
 - *No Action*
 - *Implementation of the Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement*
- *The decisionmaking process for alternative is similar to Environmental Water Account*

Comment:

How will the project affect Freeport flows relative to Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District discharges and diversions?

Response:

- *Consider timing, quality, and quantity*

Comment:

How will “color” of water be distinguished?

Response:

- *Some permit changes are anticipated in order to implement the Short-term Program*

Comment:

Will Central Valley Project (CVP) store State Water Project (SWP) water and vice-versa?

Response:

- *Not as part of the Agreement*

Comment:

What is the purpose of the action?

Response:

- *To meet local, water quality, and diversion needs/objectives*

Comment:

Will subsidence be considered?

Response:

- *Yes, as part of the groundwater studies*

Comment:

Will there be a net depletion of Delta supplies (month-by-month)?

Response:

- *The analysis will need to consider/study net benefits to system (monitoring)*

Comment:

What is the No Action Alternative?

Response:

- *The document will need to describe components of the future condition without the project*
- *Qualitative discussion will need to be included*

Comment:

Will CVP water be created?

Response:

- *Many of the proposed projects included as part of the Program would assist in increasing the flexibility of CVP and SWP operations.*

Comment:

The document should identify sources of capital funding for projects (there is a competitive demand for dollars), even though this is not required by the California Environmental Quality Act or the National Environmental Policy Act. Competitive demands include those that would use the Restoration Fund.

Response:

- *A financial analysis is not planned as part of the EIS/EIR*

Comment:

Will the EIS/EIR consider water quality changes to the west side of the San Joaquin Valley?

Response:

- *A qualitative analysis is anticipated*

Comment:

Will CVP and SWP reservoir re-operation (e.g., Folsom, at the bottom of the system) be considered?

Response:

- *Potentially*

Comment:

Will the document address benefits of system improvement projects in terms of linkages to other programs (i.e., Environmental Restoration Program, Water Use Efficiency Program)?

Response:

- *Not at a local policy level*
- *Part of cumulative impacts analysis*

Comment:

The document needs to assess the potential impacts of any alternative on Project power.

Response:

- *This will be addressed.*

Appendix D
Scoping Meeting Notes – August 21, 2003

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

Public Scoping Meeting Notes August 21, 2003

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The following oral comments and responses were made at the public scoping meeting held on August 21, 2003, at Colusa Industrial Properties in Colusa, California:

Comment:

How are other studies to be incorporated into the document? (For example: Sacramento River Reliability Study [e.g., 35,000 acre-feet per year of American River water for habitat]; Integrated [State Water Project/Central Valley Project] Management Plan [e.g., Napa/8,500 acre-feet per year of water]; Freeport diversion.)

Response:

- *All things will be considered and integrated to the extent possible given available information*
- *The 10-year time frame for short-term projects may exclude consideration of some projects*
- *Use California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act criteria (e.g., completion of environmental review by other projects at time Sacramento Valley Water Management Program EIS/EIR is being written)*
- *The question is relevant to the baseline of comparison and cumulative impacts*

Comment:

Will there be a “blanket” prescription for groundwater monitoring? Glenn County’s program provides a good template?

Response:

- *Groundwater monitoring prescriptions are expected to be site specific*
- *The intent of the Short-Term Program is to provide an “out” to proponents if groundwater is adversely affected*

Comment:

Will flows be considered relative to existing bridges (footings)?

Response:

- *A transportation section of the EIS/EIR is planned*

Comment:

What are opportunities for Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement participants to comment on other actions?

Response:

- *Opportunities would include individual manager actions, work through Northern California Water Association, etc.*

Comment:

How will short-term projects be funded?

Response:

- *Various sources*
 - *Local*
 - *Capital contributions (e.g., statewide bond)*
 - *Export interests*

Appendix E
Presentation from Scoping Meeting

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (Short-term Program)

EIS/EIR

Scoping Meetings

August 20/21, 2003



Agenda

3:00 - 3:30 Presentation

3:30 - 4:30 Comments



Purpose of Scoping Process

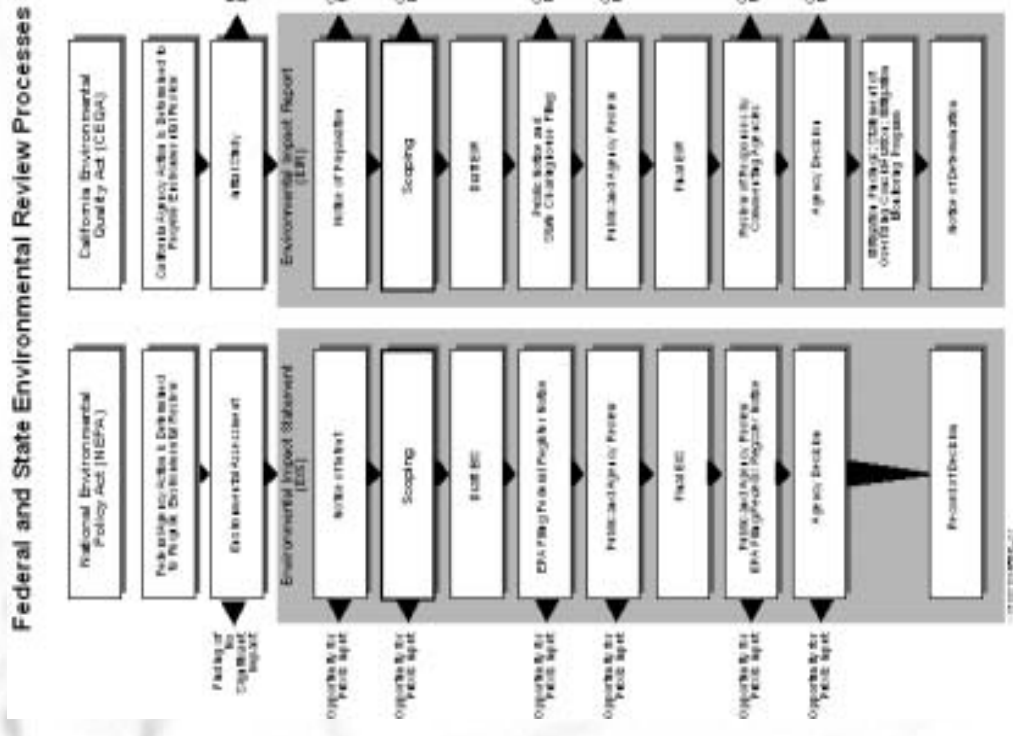
Obtain information to assist in focussing the environmental document on significant issues

Obtain input from:

- Landowners & environmental interests; Federal, State, and local agencies

To identify:

- Resource issues
- Participants
- Potentially affected area
- Constraints
- Alternatives



Program History

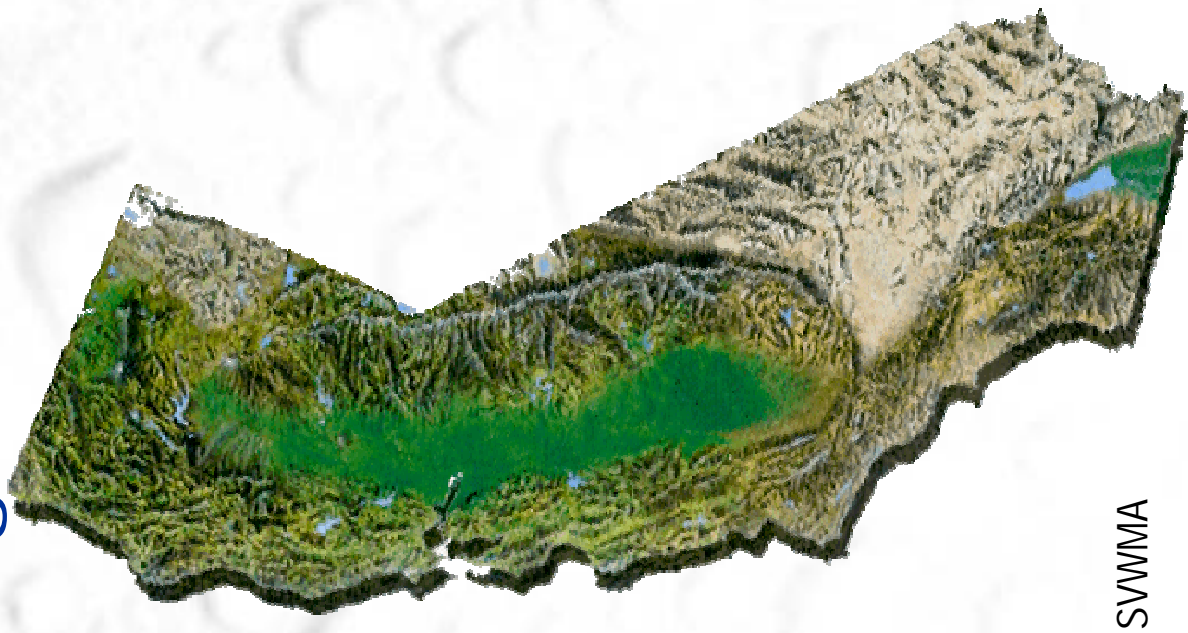
- 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
 - Water Rights hearings - first 7 phases completed in 1998/1999
 - Phase 8 was to focus on Sacramento Valley
 - SWRCB Decision 1641
- Stay Agreement
 - Proposed goals/principles to resolve issues of the flow-related standards that would have been argued during Phase 8
 - Resulted in the suspension of the Phase 8 process
- ***Short-term Settlement Agreement***
 - *Resulted in dismissal of Phase 8 process - effective 2/2003*
 - *Implementation (including implementation agreements w/individual districts) is focus of this scoping meeting*
- Sacramento Valley Water Management Program
 - Short-term Program (STWP projects and monitoring)
 - Long-term Program (to be developed)



Agencies/Companies/Districts Participating in the Program

- Over 40 Sacramento Valley water districts/companies
- Northern California Water Association
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Department of Fish and Game
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State Water Project Contractors
- South of Delta CVP Contractors
- Contra Costa Water District
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba counties*

* adopted a resolution supporting the SVWMA



Goals of the Short-term SVWMP

- Implement locally-developed projects to:
 - meet unmet water needs
 - produce water that would otherwise not be available in the Sacramento River
 - assist in augmenting CVP and SWP supplies and in meeting Bay Delta water quality standards
- Include monitoring program as part of each project
- Optimize/maximize water supply and environmental benefits
- Ensure water production does not adversely impact local, SWP, or CVP users
- Implement through district-specific agreements (10 year)



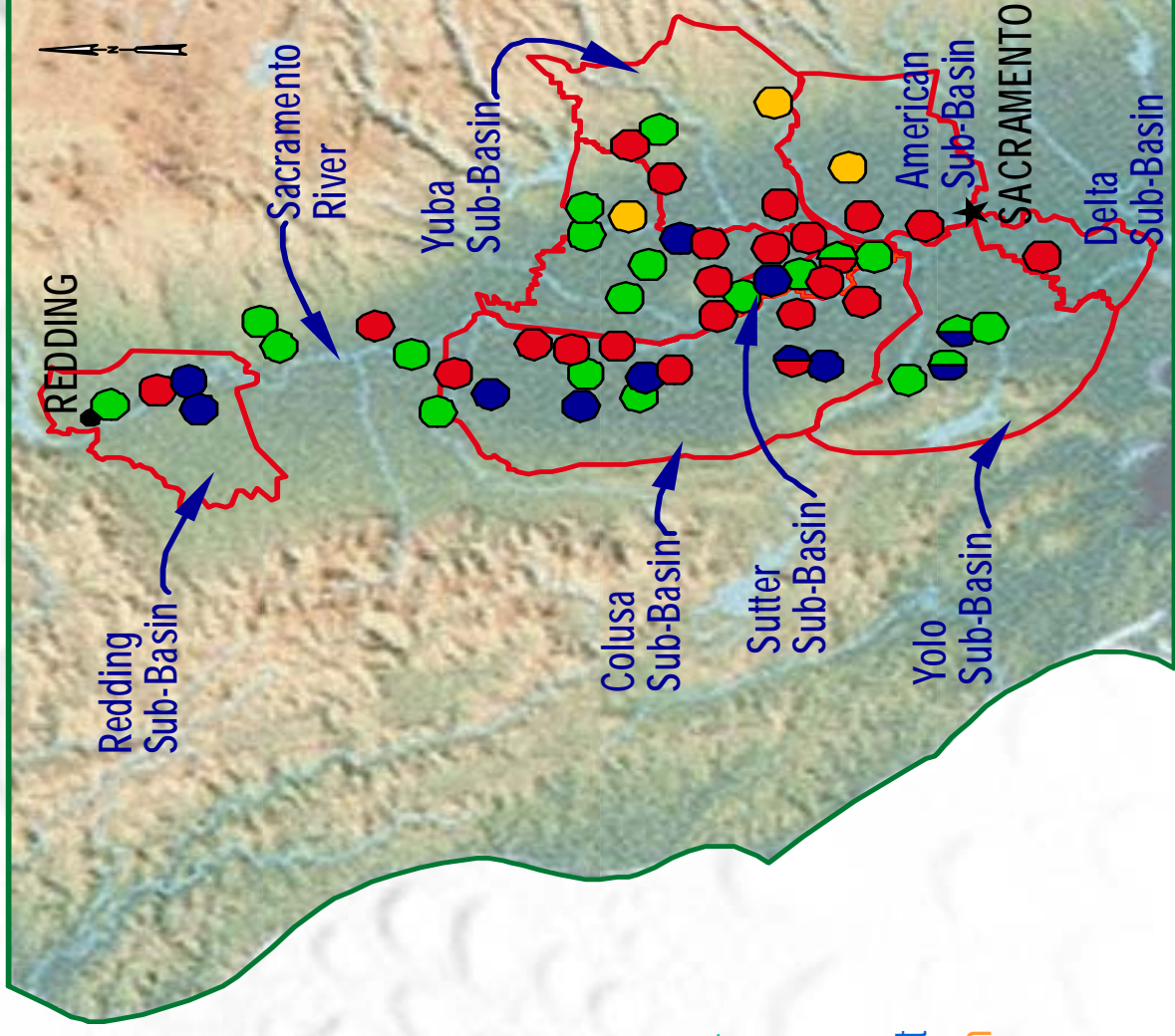
Projects (Short-term Work Plan)

- **Surface/Groundwater Planning**
 - studies, groundwater monitoring, resource assessments
- **Water Management**
 - facilities/programs to conjunctively use (and monitor) surface & groundwater
- **System Improvement**
 - canal lining, tailwater recovery, improved management
- **Reservoir Reoperation**
 - reoperation of some non-CVP/SWP reservoirs in the Sacramento watershed



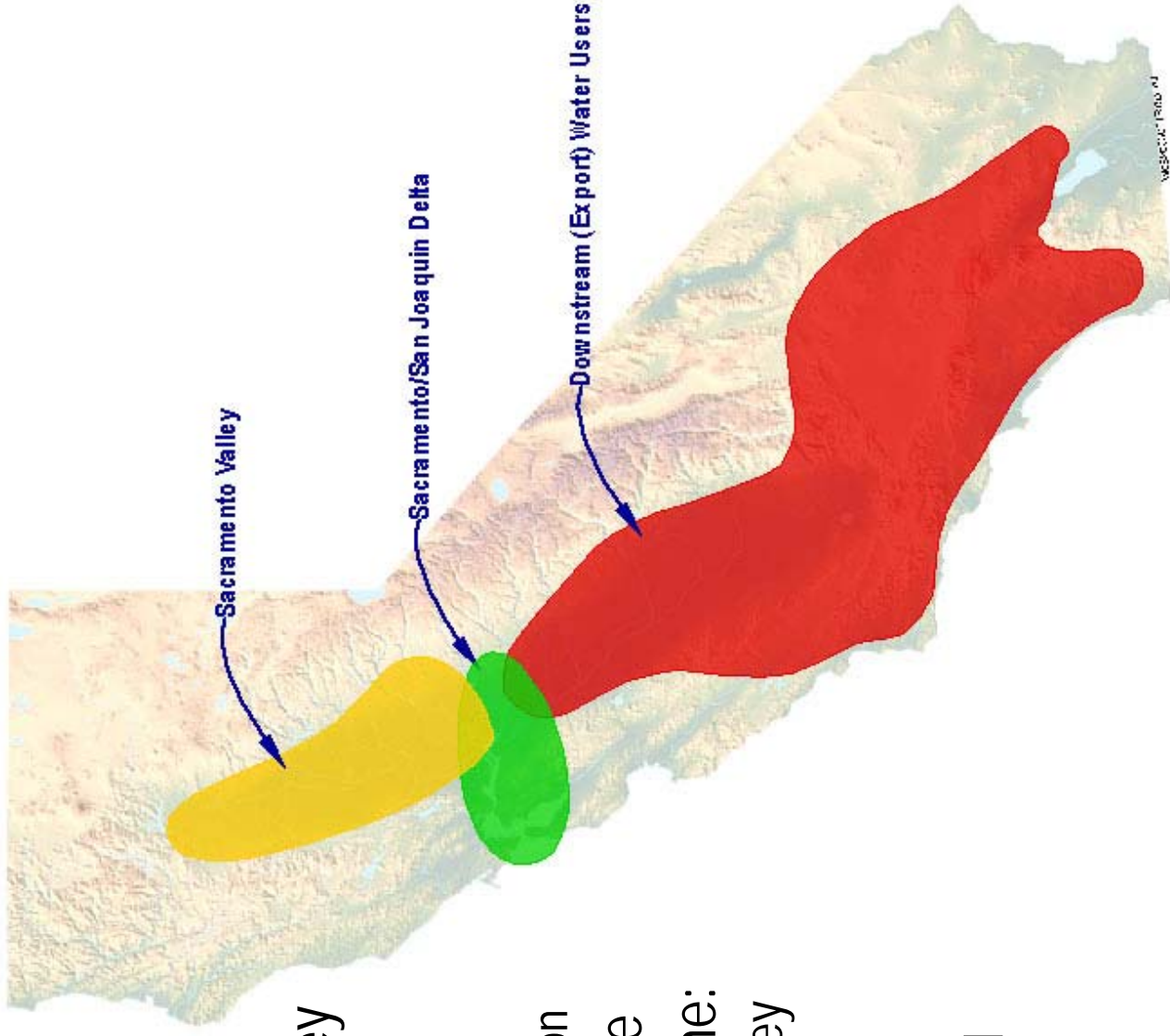
Project Distribution and Type

- Projects proposed across the Valley (45+)
- Projects grouped by:
 - sub-basins
 - type
 - surface/groundwater planning
 - water management
 - system improvement
 - reservoir reoperation



Study Area

- Projects located within the Sacramento Valley
- Project benefits and potential impacts (construction and operation) will be analyzed within the:
 - Sacramento Valley
 - Sacramento/SJ Delta
 - Export Areas (including SJ and LA basin)-



Resource Areas to be Evaluated

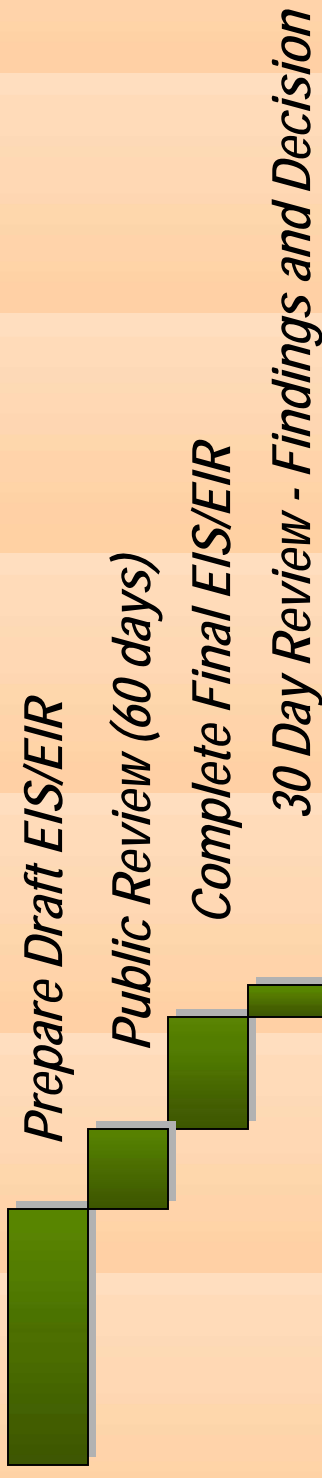
Impacts will be analyzed for all projects collectively, as well as each project individually (where site-specific information is available)

- Surface Water Supply and Management
 - Hydrology
 - Water Supplies
- Groundwater
- Water Quality
- Aquatic Resources
- Terrestrial Resources
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Air Quality
- Socioeconomic Conditions
 - Environmental Justice
- Cultural Resources
- Indian Trust Assets
- Land Use
- Power
- Recreation
- Traffic
- Noise
- Cumulative Impacts
- Growth Inducing Impacts



SVWMP Implementation and EIS/EIR Schedule

EIS/EIR Process



Implementation of SVWMP

◆ SVWMA signed

Begin Project Implementation in 2005

Implement SVWMA (through 2014)

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

Purpose of Scoping Process

Obtain input to assist in identifying:

- Resource issues
- Participants
- Potentially affected area
- Constraints
- Alternatives



For further information, please...

- Visit the project website at www.svwma.org or norcalwater.org (SVWMP)
- Any comments should be returned (by September 5, 2003) to:
 - **Mr. John Fielden**
California Department of Water Resources
P.O Box 942836, Sacramento 94236-0001
(916) 651-7053 or jfielden@water.ca.gov
 - **Ms. Betty Riley Simpson**
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Appendix F
Comment Cards and Correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, MS-32

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*Flex your power!
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August 15, 2003

Dwight Russell

Water Resources, Department of, Northern District

2440 Main Street

Red Bluff, CA 96080

**Subject: SCH# 2003082021, Sacramento Valley Water Management
Program Implementation of Short-term Projects
Implementation Notice of Preparation, State Clearinghouse
letter, dated August 6, 2003**

Dear Mr. Russell:

The California Department of Transportation requests that the following offices receive a copy of the draft EIS/EIR pertaining to the subject project, when available:

Don Anderson
Senior Transportation Engineer
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District 3
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California Department of Transportation
Division of Maintenance/Hydraulics
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Dwight Russell
August 15, 2003
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Thank you for your assistance. Please telephone me at 916.653.0808, or email at Betty_L_Miller@dot.ca.gov, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

Betty Miller
Intergovernmental Review/CEQA Program
Office of Community Planning
Division of Transportation Planning

c: Don Anderson, D-2
Jeff Pulverman, D-3
Nick Burmas, HQ Structures/Hydraulics

Written Comment Sheet

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program Public Scoping Meeting

Expo Inn, Sacramento

August 20, 2003

Name Maurice Roos
Address JOC
Affiliation _____
Phone 916 574-2625

The California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation welcome your participation. Please hand in this comment sheet by the end of this evening's public hearing or mail no later than Friday, September 5, 2003, to:

Mr. John Fielden, Project Manager
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 94286
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
or via Email to: jfielden@water.ca.gov

Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Would you like to be added to the mailing list? Check here ☒

Please make the print size on the summary table (or equivalents in the eventual report) bigger - about twice as big. The table was almost impossible to read - at least in the fluorescent lighting of the Expo Inn room.

Maurice Roos

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Written Comment Sheet

Sacramento Valley Water Management Program Public Scoping Meeting Colusa Industrial Properties, Colusa

August 21, 2003

Name Michelle Millette
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Marysville, CA 95901
Affiliation Ca. Dept of Transportation (Caltrans)
Phone 530-741-5435

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Would you like to be added to the mailing list? ☒ Check here ☒

Please identify bridges. Provide before and after project streamflow ~~not~~ information so that effect of projects on operation & integrity of state bridges can be adequately evaluated by Caltrans hydraulic engineers. Especially in regard to bridge footings ~~is~~ located in a stream. Please remember that a bridge could become a constraint to a project. Early identification would allow the depts to work together to mitigate the constraint, result in fewer delays to your proposed projects.

Michelle Millette
michelle_millette@dot.ca.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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From: PETER CHRISTENSEN

[mailto:PCHRISTENSEN@airquality.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2003 3:46 PM

To: Fielden, John

Subject: Comments on Sac Valley Water Mgmt Pgm

Mr. Fielden:

Attached please find the SMAQMD comment letter regarding the above project. Two attachments are also included. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Peter Christensen

Mobile Source Division

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August 28, 2003

Mr. John Fielden
Project Manager
Department of Water Resources
PO Box 94286
Sacramento CA 94236-0001

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Fielden:

Thank you for seeking input from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) on the preparation of environmental documents for the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program.

The SMAQMD has adopted CEQA thresholds of significance for use in preparing and reviewing environmental documents. Separate thresholds were established for the construction phase and operational phase of projects. The thresholds are attached and also are available at www.airquality.org.

For any project exceeding the construction thresholds, SMAQMD recommends standard construction mitigation. The mitigation language is attached for reference, and is available at www.airquality.org. Operational mitigation is also available, please contact District staff for assistance.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input. If you have any questions, please contact me at 916.874.4886.

Sincerely,

Peter Christensen
Mobile Source Division

Attachments

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SMAQMD RECOMMENDED MITIGATION FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM HEAVY-DUTY CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES

Revised October 15, 2002

Category 1: Reducing NOx emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment

The project shall provide a plan for approval by [DERA, City of x, SMAQMD, etc] demonstrating that the heavy-duty (> 50 horsepower) off-road vehicles to be used in the construction project, including owned, leased and subcontractor vehicles, will achieve a project wide fleet-average 20 percent NOx reduction and 45 percent particulate reduction¹ compared to the most recent CARB fleet average at time of construction; and

The project representative shall submit [to DERA, City of x, SMAQMD, etc.] a comprehensive inventory of all off-road construction equipment, equal to or greater than 50 horsepower, that will be used an aggregate of 40 or more hours during any portion of the construction project. The inventory shall include the horsepower rating, engine production year, and projected hours of use or fuel throughput for each piece of equipment. The inventory shall be updated and submitted monthly throughout the duration of the project, except that an inventory shall not be required for any 30-day period in which no construction activity occurs. At least 48 hours prior to the use of subject heavy-duty off-road equipment, the project representative shall provide SMAQMD with the anticipated construction timeline including start date, and name and phone number of the project manager and on-site foreman.

and:

Category 2: Controlling visible emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment

The project shall ensure that emissions from all off-road diesel powered equipment used on the project site do not exceed 40 percent opacity for more than three minutes in any one hour. Any equipment found to exceed 40 percent opacity (or Ringelmann 2.0) shall be repaired immediately, and [DERA, City of x, SMAQMD, etc.] shall be notified within 48 hours of identification of non-compliant equipment. A visual survey of all in-operation equipment shall be made at least weekly, and a monthly summary of the visual survey results shall be submitted throughout the duration of the project, except that the monthly summary shall not be required for any 30-day period in which no construction activity occurs. The monthly summary shall include the quantity and type of vehicles surveyed as well as the dates of each survey. The SMAQMD and/or other officials may conduct periodic site inspections to determine compliance. Nothing in this section shall supercede other SMAQMD or state rules or regulations.

¹ Acceptable options for reducing emissions may include use of late model engines, low-emission diesel products, alternative fuels, engine retrofit technology, after-treatment products, and/or other options as they become available.

California Ambient Air Quality Standards¹

Pollutant	Averaging Time	Concentration ²
Ozone (O ₃)	1 Hour	0.09 ppm (180 µg/m ³)
Respirable Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	Annual Geometric Mean	30 µg/m ³
	24 Hour	50 µg/m ³
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	8 Hour	9 ppm (10 mg/m ³)
	1 Hour	20 ppm (23 mg/m ³)
	8 Hour (Lake Tahoe)	6 ppm (7 mg/m ³)
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	1 Hour	0.25 ppm (470 µg/m ³)
Lead	30 Days Average	1.5 µg/m ³
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	24 Hour	0.04 ppm (105 µg/m ³)
	1 Hour	0.25 ppm (655 µg/m ³)
Visibility Reducing Particles	8 Hour (10am - 6pm, PST)	10 Miles (30 Miles Lake Tahoe) or more ³
Sulfates	24 Hour	25 µg/m ³
Vinyl Chloride ⁴	24 Hour	0.01 ppm (26 µg/m ³)
Hydrogen Sulfide	1 Hour	0.03 ppm (42 µg/m ³)

Footnotes:

- Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide (except Lake Tahoe), sulfur dioxide (1 and 24 hour), nitrogen dioxide, suspended particulate matter-PM₁₀, and visibility reducing particles are values not to be exceeded. All others are not to be equaled or exceeded. (Table of Standards, Section 70200, Title 17, California Code of Regulations)
- Concentration expressed first in units in which it was promulgated. Equivalent units given in parentheses are based upon a reference temperature of 25° C and a reference pressure of 760 mm of mercury. Most measurements of air quality are to be corrected to a reference temperature of 25° C and a reference pressure of 760 mm of mercury (1,013.2 millibar). ppm = parts per million; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter; mg/m³ = milligrams per cubic meter.
- In sufficient amount to produce an extinction coefficient of 0.23 per kilometer – visibility of ten miles or more (0.07-30 miles or more for Lake Tahoe) due to particles when the relative humidity is less than 70 percent.
- The standard notes that vinyl chloride is a "known human and animal carcinogen" and that "low-level effects are undefined, but are potentially serious. Level is not a threshold level and does not necessarily protect against harm. Level specified is lowest level at which violation can be reliably detected by the method specified. Ambient concentrations at or above the standard constitute an endangerment to the health of the public.

April 12, 2002

To: Lead and Responsible Agencies, Consultants and Interested Persons

From: Norm Covell, Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Revised Significance Criteria for Air Quality**

On March 28, 2002 the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) approved the following revised significance criteria/thresholds for pollutants emitted into the air.

**Mass Emission
Thresholds**

Project Type	Ozone Precursor Emissions (Pounds/Day)	
	ROG	NOx
Short-Term Effects (Construction)	None	85
Long-Term Effects (Operation)	65	65

**Emission
Concentration
Thresholds**

California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) (*see reverse*).
The CAAQS significance criteria are applied to all phases of a project in addition to the above mass emission thresholds.

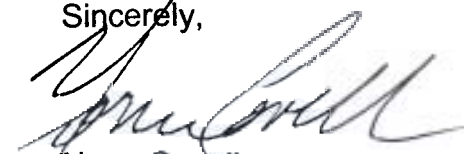
**Substantial
Contribution
Threshold**

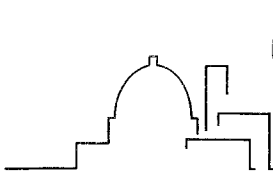
A project is considered to contribute substantially to an existing or projected violation of a CAAQS if it emits pollutants at a level equal to or greater than five (5) percent of the CAAQS.

The revised criteria/thresholds became effective on March 28, 2002. To allow a reasonable transition to the revised criteria/thresholds, agencies may apply either the previous or revised criteria/thresholds for CEQA determinations made prior to May 17, 2002.

Please contact Matt Jones, 916-874-4835, or Greg Tholen, 916-874-4832, if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,


Norm Covell
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August 28, 2003
ET&C 03-263

Department of Water Resources
Attention: John Fielden, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: Scoping for programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R) for Sacramento Valley Water Management Program Agreement (SVWMA).

Dear John,

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is both a Central Valley Project (CVP) power and water customer. SMUD, as one of the largest CVP preference power customers, provides not only payments into the Restoration Funds but repayment of the CVP plant-in-service and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs allocated to power. SMUD has concerns regarding the policies and programs under development to modify the operations, management and physical facilities of the CVP. SMUD has significant reliance on firm water supplies for power generation to meet power needs of our customers. SMUD is also concerned about any action that would degrade the reliability of our contract water supply. As a member of the stakeholder community we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the programmatic EIS/R for SVWMA.

SMUD supports the exercising and utilization of water rights. SMUD supports the regional strategy to maximize the efficiency of water use where institutionally feasible.

The SVWMA references its relationship to the CALFED program. The CALFED philosophy states there will be no "redirected impacts" and "the beneficiary pays." SMUD concurs with the philosophy that CALFED solution principles must reduce conflicts in the system, be equitable to all, be affordable, be long lasting, be implementable, and have no significant redirected impacts. SVWMA should commit to this concept and in particular make that commitment to the CVP Preference Power customers.

SMUD requests a detailed analysis on the impact of the short-term SVWMA upon the power customers and water service contractors. This would include all costs to power and water customers in wet, normal and dry year scenarios and any impacts to the reliability of water deliveries.

Power Resources

Each proposed action in the SVWMA may or may not have a power component associated with it. SMUD has concerns about the level and timing of generation, the gain/loss of power resources provided to CVP preference customers as well as the northern California regional energy supply. In regard to the programmatic nature of the EIS/R, SMUD wants assurance that DWR and USBR have a complete understanding of the operational impacts brought about by the proposed actions.

The EIS/R should recognize that the value of power as it varies seasonally and diurnally (on and off peak). Generation is most valuable during peak load periods in the summer months and less valuable in the lower load period in the spring and fall months. Adverse impacts of shifting generation from summer to spring and fall needs to be discussed.

By the information provided we are left to assume that there will be no reoperation CVP reservoirs as a result of the SVWMA. Please confirm that understanding.

SMUD recommends that if pumping power is to be required, the amount and timing of the power use be specifically identified and included in the project matrix. If CVP water is utilized and pumping power is a component of the action, identify it as such and identify mitigation for the action. The environmental documentation for the supply agreements should identify any impacts to power.

The SVWMA must assure there is power available, the power provider and costs are identified. The SVWMA calls for the work plans to include provisions for allocating costs and benefits for the activities. Any power costs should be included in the work plan evaluation.

SMUD would like to see a commitment that Preference Power customers are protected.

Include significance criteria for power resources impacts.

Water Resources

Cumulative impacts associated with the implementation of implementing the SVWMA are of major concern to SMUD. To fully understand the impact of water delivery projected in the SVWMA, the proponents must address the cumulative impacts of obtaining water at a regional and CVP project-wide level and not just at the individual basin-wide level. Included in this analysis should be the cumulative effect of these actions upon groundwater and surface water that would occur from these water supply agreements, including cumulative impact on the dry year shortages that would be incurred by SMUD's water service contract.

All actions undertaken through the SVWMA should be required to adopt efficient water management practices.

Also, please evaluate how these supply agreements will relate to other CVPIA actions such as water transfers and/or water purchases expected to take place in the Central Valley.

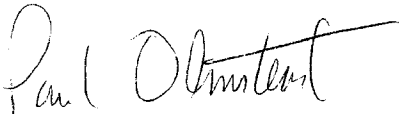
Other Issues

- Please expand the Purpose and Need to adequately describe the reasoning for the proposed actions.
- Identify how these actions will compete with other CALFED related program / activities.
- Include in the EIS/R analysis the separate impacts of the SVWMA in the larger context of the Napa Proposal.
- Assure that all decisions regarding these actions will be taken with regard to CVP water supplies will reflect a balancing of all existing and competing future demands.

We appreciate the project proponent's willingness to be responsive to stakeholder concerns

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. SMUD looks forward to reviewing the EIS/EIR. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at (916) 732-5716.

Sincerely,



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From: Leo Winternitz [mailto:lwinternitz@sacto.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2003 5:32 PM

To: Fielden, John

Subject: Comments re: Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

Please consider the following comments in the EIS/EIR for the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program.

The notice for the SVWMP indicates that short-term projects and actions will be implemented over a 10 year period in areas of various counties, including Sacramento and Placer Counties. These actions include development of groundwater to substitute for surface water supplies, reservoir reoperation, and system improvements.

The Sacramento Region Water Forum Agreement is a comprehensive regional water plan that was signed by 40 stakeholder groups in April 2000. The Agreement provides for seven specific actions intended to meet two co-equal objectives:

Provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development through the year 2030; and
Preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the Lower American River.

A Draft and Final EIR was completed for the Water Forum Agreement. The Final EIR was certified by Sacramento City Council and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on November 17, 1999. Since April of 2000, the Water Forum Agreement has been in effect and implemented by the signatories.

Environmental documentation for the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program should recognize the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement, and describe any potential impacts, negative or beneficial, that might have an effect on the Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to call either Jim McCormack (916) 264-1994 or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter responds to Federal Register Volume 68, Number 150, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Notice of Intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (SVWMP) – Implementation of Short-Term Projects. The notice included a table of several proposed projects under the SVWMP. Those projects include studies, evaluations, groundwater production, data collection, etc., within several Northern California counties that include tribal trust lands.

The notice listed the following tribal trust lands as located within the proposed project area of influence: Redding Rancheria, Berry Creek Rancheria, Enterprise Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria, Grindstone Rancheria, and Colusa Rancheria. We are pleased that your agency has performed an initial identification of affected Indian Trust Assets (ITAs) during the preliminary scoping process.

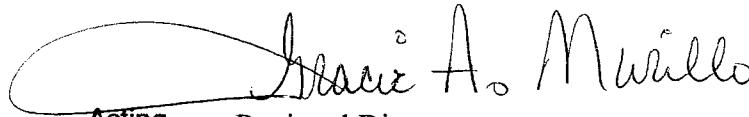
A cursory examination of proposed projects under the SVWMP revealed potential overlap with various CALFED programs including North of Delta Offstream Storage, Environmental Water Account (EWA), Water Use Efficiency, Ecosystem Restoration, Watershed, etc. We note, in regard to the recent CALFED EWA EIS/EIR preparation, your agency expressed concern that the groundwater substitution aspect of EWA could impact ITAs. We are in strong agreement that “increased use of groundwater could impact Indian Trust Assets” as related to the numerous water management actions proposed for the North State.

The ITA issues posed are significant and may include various impacts to cultural resources, water resources and water rights. We are confident that you will afford a commensurate level of attention to ITAs as related to the SVWMP. We also believe that the SVWMP provides a framework to indirectly benefit tribes in Northern California. David Guy, Northern California Water Association, in testimony before the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on February 11, 2003, outlined benefits of the SVWMP. Those benefits included: (1) protection of water rights and supplies; (2) groundwater protection; (3) mitigation of unmet demands; (4) water use efficiency; (5) local water management projects; and, (6) the CALFED Sites Reservoir Project.

For the North of Delta Storage Project, CALFED has exhibited a very good approach to tribal outreach. Several informational meetings have occurred both at tribal and federal or state facilities. In addition, federal funding has recently been awarded to some tribes for water resources assessment projects. We note this as an excellent process for maintaining tribal involvement. We strongly suggest that similar meaningful consultation/participation be offered to Redding Rancheria, Berry Creek Rancheria, Enterprise Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria, Grindstone Rancheria, and Colusa Rancheria for the SVWMP. In light of the potential impacts and benefits to several tribes in Northern California, we respectfully request that the BIA be afforded cooperating agency status for the EIS/EIR preparation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christopher Reeves, Regional Geohydrologist, Bill Allan, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist or Dale Morris, Regional Natural Resource Officer, at (916) 978-6040, (916) 978-6043 or (916) 978-6051, respectively.

Sincerely,


Acting Regional Director

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Re: Comments on the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program
(SVWMP) Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/EIR
FR Doc. 03-19841 (Vol.68, No.150)

Dear Mr. Fielden and Ms. Riley-Simpson:

My name is Lynn Barris. My husband and I own and operate Barris Farms, an almond ranch in Butte County, near Durham, California.

I serve on many environmental boards throughout the state. I am Water Policy Analyst for Butte Environmental Council. I am a steering committee member for the Environmental Water Caucus. I have personal knowledge of agricultural and environmental issues in Butte County. And I have wide ranging experience with current statewide water issues involving the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation.

I commented on the DWR "State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" from the perspective of someone who has been and is personally affected by the operations of both the SWP and the CVP project contractors in the northern Sacramento Valley. Our local communities are affected by SWP and CVP operations even though we do not use SWP or CVP project water for our domestic and agricultural needs. It is from the perspective of my direct experience with redirected impacts from DWR and BOR water programs that I offer my comments.

I read the NAPA Agreement and reviewed the comments of my environmental colleagues on the South Delta Improvement Program, the DWR's EIR for the "Monterey Plus" SWP Agreements, and the Bureau's CVP Contract Renewals. I am struck, over and over, by CVP and SWP contractors desire to move the intractable conflicts between water users and the environmentalists in the Delta, out of the Delta, and into the Sacramento Valley. I view the SVWMP as another piece of a concerted attempt on the part of certain CVP and SWP contractors to not solve Delta water quality and environmental problems but merely to shift conflicts between farmers, environmentalists and SWP and CVP project contractors to the Sacramento Valley and Butte County. So, the EIR/EIS needs to "prove me wrong". I believe that if the Napa Agreement is implemented, especially in coordination with the SVWMP, the SWP and CVP contractors in the north and south state will be whole, while non-project farmers will be pitted against project water using farmers in the Sacramento valley.

If the SVWMP proceeds, in the proposed piecemeal fashion, but concurrently with other BOR and DWR "paper water", water transfer and "in lieu" groundwater substitution programs; the terrestrial and aquatic environment of the last great valley in California, the Sacramento Valley, is doomed to suffer the same declines that characterize our history of failed water policy in the Owens Valley and the San Joaquin Valley.

So one outcome for the EIS/EIR for the SVWMP is to show why the BOR and the DWR history of piecemeal and unscientific water management won't repeat itself. The EIS/EIR needs to be specific about what safeguards will be instituted in the SVWMP that will not redirect impacts from the Delta to the Sacramento Valley. The EIS/EIR needs to be clear about what safeguards will be put in place to ensure that the Sacramento streams and rivers will not become water "losing" systems due to over-pumping of groundwater, like the Consumnes River and the San Joaquin River system. Endangering even

more, the last Central Valley salmon and steelhead runs in creeks like Butte Creek, and Big Chico Creek must be an outcome that the EIS/EIR analyzes and prevents. We do not want to see another Consumnes River situation, where the river ceases to run because of over pumping the groundwater. I know that the modeling tools that the BOR and the DWR have to assess and prevent these kinds of problems are inadequate. CALSIM should not be used as a planning tool. How will the DWR and the BOR do better this time at preventing damage to the Valley Oaks, to the salmon and the steelhead and to the adjoining water users, until it is too late?

The track record of the BOR and the DWR is terrible at preventing redirected impacts in the San Joaquin Valley. The groundwater table continues to decline, pollutant plumes spread, the Valley Oaks and the fish continue to die from lack of water. The SVMP EIS/EIR need to provide real evidence that guarantees that a repeat of the San Joaquin and Delta water catastrophes will not happen in the Sacramento Valley as a result of cumulative BOR and DWR actions in the Sacramento Valley including the SVWMP. The SVMP EIS/EIR needs to provide real evidence that guarantees that a repeat of the DWR Drought Water Bank of 1994 is now impossible, because adequate safeguards are in place. The SVMP EIS/EIR need to provide real evidence that guarantees that domestic wells and agricultural wells in Butte County will not go dry as a result of this program, by itself, or in combination with other BOR and DWR north state water management programs. The EIS/EIR needs to provide real proof that dismissing Phase 8 does not simply mean that the flow related water quality impacts to the Delta are simply being shifted to the Sacramento Valley.

I have three concerns about the short-term SVWMP study proposals for the Sacramento Valley in Butte County. First the groundwater model is not and will not ever be adequate for determining the real impacts of the SVWMP program. Second, I have a concern that the BOR and the DWR will hide behind the local water districts and not do their jobs which includes ensuring that the best available science is used to identify and rectify redirected cumulative impacts from their programs. Third, I have the concern that the science and decision-making process for the SVWMP program will be by contractors and for contractors, and will have no mechanisms for including other points of view or other kinds of information into the program. The EIS/EIR has to describe a better decision-making, adaptive management and scientific review process than what is described in the NOI. The NOI describes a process whereby SVWMP participants essentially operate on

their worst fears or by telling each other what they want to hear, because they pick the technical advisors, and the projects and they oversee the review. Again, a broader, more inclusive and multi-party evaluation process must be incorporated into the SVWMP program. The EIS/EIR needs to address how science and whose science will be used to prevent damages to other parties. CVP and SWP contractors, who are escaping oversight by the SWRCB through the SVWMP, should not, therefore be also freed of DWR and BOR oversight. Unless the EIS/EIR incorporates some science and programmatic oversight into the SVWMP program, SVWMP participants are encouraged to execute agreements among themselves that internalize the benefits from the public's CVP and SWP Project waters while externalizing costs to other water users and to the environment of the Sacramento Valley and Butte County.

In conclusion, I hope and expect that the EIS/EIR will include a thorough analysis of safeguards for the environment and the other water users in the Sacramento Valley, in terms of making the best available science and transparent decision-making available to environmentalists and other water interests. I hope and expect that the EIS/EIR will convincingly demonstrate how the SVWMP is not a process for redirecting impacts from the Delta and from the south state water contractors to the Sacramento Valley. I hope and expect that the EIS/EIR will demonstrate how the SVWMP actually satisfies the flow related water quality requirements in the Delta while making tangible water quality and environmental improvements in the Sacramento Valley for all beneficial uses of water.

I look forward to seeing improvements in the EIS/EIR that lead to real public trust improvements in the management of the waters of the Sacramento Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Barris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Barris".

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Dear Mr. Fielden and Ms. Riley-Simpson:

Butte County offers the following suggestions in the spirit of making the proposed program more effective. Butte County signed Resolution 01-009 in support of the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program (SVWMP) on February 27, 2001. Butte County remains actively committed to the SVWMP both within Butte County and throughout the Sacramento Valley Basin. Butte County strongly supports local leadership in the design, implementation and evaluation of individual SVWMP projects and studies. The Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement, signed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the State Water Contractors, the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), Contra Costa Water District and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority has led to the development of the SVWMP.

Butte County's comments focus on the programmatic roles and the responsibilities of DWR and BOR for the SVWMP. These larger roles and responsibilities are not as well defined in the NOI as are the shorter-term, local and regional goals and activities. Butte County believes that lead agency roles and responsibilities are just as important as local initiative and commitment for the success of the program. Therefore, in the EIS/EIR,

the roles and responsibilities of the DWR and the BOR need to be addressed in comparable detail.

Butte County recommends that the EIR/EIS study two key programmatic assurances. First, the EIS/EIR should describe how the BOR and the DWR are required to assure that the SVWMP will meet the flow-related water quality requirements of the State Water Rights Control Board's Water Rights Decision D-1641. Secondly, the EIS/EIR should disclose how the BOR and the DWR will assure that the requirements of D-1641 are achieved without injury to other legal uses and users of surface and groundwater within Northern California.

Butte County believes that programmatic accountability remains the responsibility of the DWR and the BOR, as the owners and operators of the SWP and CVP facilities. The DWR and the BOR cannot delegate these legal responsibilities to individual SWP and CVP water users in the Sacramento Valley who may take the lead in designing and implementing SVWMP projects and studies. The DWR and the BOR, as the lead agencies for the EIS/EIR, must clarify their State Board mandated roles as the responsible parties for meeting flow-related water quality objectives for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Furthermore, the BOR and the DWR must document that they are doing so without injury to water users who have area-of-origin and senior water rights to the CVP and SWP. The "Phase 8" Settlement Agreement is an important step forward in resolving flow-related water quality conflicts in the Delta. The Phase 8 Settlement Agreement avoided evidentiary proceedings before the SWRCB. The burden of documenting "no injury" to other water rights users remains with the DWR and BOR and needs to be disclosed and analyzed in the EIS/EIR.

In conclusion, Butte County seeks to strengthen its cooperative relationship with the BOR and the DWR for the purposes of accurately determining and adequately addressing potential impacts from the SVWMP. Butte County commends the DWR for their previous support for the Butte County Water Inventory and Analysis Report, and for supporting the soon to be completed Integrated Watershed and Resource Conservation Plan. The county also thanks the BOR for providing funds to analyze an assessment of the current groundwater model. Butte County hopes that the EIR/EIS will build on past cooperative science projects between the DWR and the BOR and Butte County.

The NOI table of SVWMP projects to be analyzed include the following three Feather/Butte Sub-basin projects proposed by Butte County: Integrated Watershed and Resource Conservation Program, Groundwater Monitoring Program, and Groundwater Modeling Program. The County appreciates the inclusion of those projects. Among other things, those projects will hopefully achieve the following:

- Timely development of baseline, surface and groundwater modeling and monitoring information specifically for the foothill-valley edge areas of Butte County (such as the Butte Valley, the Cherokee strip, and the foothill and valley-edge areas in and around Honcut, Palermo, Oroville and Chico).
- Timely development of baseline groundwater modeling and monitoring

information specifically for the urban areas of the Sacramento Valley in Butte County (such as Chico, Gridley, Biggs and Durham).

- Timely development of surface and groundwater baseline modeling and monitoring information for the alluvial fan areas and the confluence areas for foothill streams that drain to the Sacramento River (such as Butte Creek, Dry Creek, Little Dry Creek, Mud Creek, Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Rock Creek and Pine Creek).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOI for the SVWMP. Butte County looks forward to continued cooperation with the DWR, BOR, NCWA and others in the development of an effective SVWMP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: Scoping Request for Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

Dear Mr. Fielden:

The exact nature of the proposed project is unclear from the Bureau Notice. The news release describes a Water Management Program resulting from the need to meet flow-related water quality objectives of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. However, the project seems to be one aimed at securing additional export supplies with no decrease in consumptive use in Northern California. If true, the program is simply a reallocation of existing and insufficient water supplies in a manner that is directly contrary to the letter and spirit of area of origin statutes.

The environmental documents reviewing the project should therefore include:

- Effects on downstream flows resulting from changes in reservoir releases;
- Effects on downstream flows resulting from changes in return flows;
- Effects on downstream beneficial uses resulting from the above-referenced changes. If stored water is to be sold and not used for in-basin contractor/water right holders, an analysis of downstream (into and including the Delta) riparian, pre-1914, and superior appropriative right needs must be made, including an analysis of "natural flow" available for such uses.
- Analysis of how the proposed transfers comply with CVPIA Section 3405(a)(1)(I). Decreasing the delivery of CVP water and substituting groundwater is not a decrease in consumptive use as referenced in the statute.
- Analysis of how the proposed transfers comply with California Water Code Sections 1392 and 1629;
- Analysis of how the proposed transfers comply with California Water Code Sections 11460 et seq. and 12200 et seq.;
- Analysis of the interaction between the application of surface water, groundwater levels, and accretions to and depletions from surface streams;
- Analysis of how increased export pumping may affect all beneficial uses and users in the Delta. It has recently been determined that the temporary barriers in the Delta do not provide adequate upstream protections under current export regimes. In recent years, during times when the temporary barriers are removed, portions of South Delta channels are virtually dry to the detriment of fish and wildlife, recreation, and other beneficial uses.

Central Delta Agency's comment letter describes how changes in flows can affect the flushing of salts in the Delta and recommends this area also be analyzed. It also references the issue of adverse effects resulting from additional exports, namely the drainage of high saline waters into the San Joaquin River. SDWA joins in CDWA's letter and recommends the issues referenced in there also be included in the environmental document.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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September 5, 2003

Via e-mail to jfielden@water.ca.gov.

John Fielden
Project Manager
Bureau of Reclamation

Re: Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

Dear Sir:

We have a number of concerns which should be addressed.

The impacts on water quality and flow including flushing flows in and through the Delta should be delineated. Agricultural beneficial uses in the Delta are dependent upon historically available water quality which is substantially better than the Agricultural Beneficial Use Objectives contained in the SWRCB 1995 Water Quality Control Plan. Agriculture requires year-around consideration even though many of the objectives provide limits only for the April 15-August 15 period. The months of principal concern are March through September. Although diminished in effectiveness by high rates of export pumping, spring flows flush the Delta pool extending the availability of good quality beyond the period of historically available natural surface flow.

Although somewhat difficult to analyze, the impact on Delta inflow due to changes in groundwater levels and the related channel losses and accretions should be considered.

Projects which bank water during high river flow periods and subsequently release water so as to add inflow to the Delta during the late spring and summer can provide a physical solution balance for the loss of flushing. The detail of the operating constraints will determine the extent of the impacts.

Due to the difficulty in accurately monitoring the unconfined groundwater basins in the Sacramento Valley, the opportunity for abuse or error is high.

Groundwater substitution should not be confused with groundwater banking which adds real yield to the system.

We are particularly concerned about transfers of "paper water." Use of water which has not currently been put to use will create a new demand on the system. Water transfers should be limited to that water which is made available as the result of a decrease in net consumptive use of surface water without a substitution from groundwater. Even with such transfers, the effects on river flow to the point of original diversion and on return flows must be carefully evaluated. The river flow to the point of original diversion could be important for maintenance of flow, temperature, and dissolved oxygen for fish. Return flow could be similarly needed for fish but is clearly needed for downstream agricultural and M & I users.

To the extent the subject water is to be exported from the Delta, the effects on water levels, water quality, channel water depths and channel flow must be considered. Additionally, the impacts resulting from the exported water should also be considered. Exports to the lands on the west side of the San Joaquin could result in increased degradation of the San Joaquin River and/or destruction of the farmability of undrained lands.

Lastly, we call your attention to California Water Code Sections 1392 and 1629 which prohibit profiteering from appropriative rights issued by the SWRCB in transfers to public entities.

Yours very truly,

DANTE JOHN NOMELLINI
Manager and Co-Counsel

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September 5, 2003

Mr. John Fielden
Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Fielden:

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is submitting the following comments regarding preparation of the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for implementing the short-term Sacramento Valley Water Management Program.

Western has a statutory responsibility to supply the required energy for Central Valley Project (CVP) Project Use pumps. In addition, Western has a contractual obligation to its preference power customers to wheel Federal power to their designated delivery points.

To assure that the energy needs of all parties are recognized and properly accounted for, it is important for Western to understand the magnitude, timing, location, and scope of project-use energy requirements so that the appropriate planning activities are initiated. To that extent, it is highly desirable that Reclamation consider identifying and analyzing the potential impacts to the CVP hydropower resource in the section of the document that discusses issues and alternatives.

Since Western presently has a resource integration contract with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the impact of such an action is relatively minor. However, beginning on January 1, 2005, when this resource integration contract expires, Western will market real-time generation and we will be required to purchase power to support Project Use whenever CVP generation is below Project Use requirements. Therefore, the timing and actual amount of CVP generation will assume greater importance in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Howard Hirahara at (916) 353-4019.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Boyko
Power Marketing Manager

DATE: September 8, 2003

TO: Department of Water Resources
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FROM: Lester Messina
Glenn County Department of Agriculture

SUBJECT: SVWM Program EIS/EIR

In response to the request for comments from the August 21, 2003 meeting regarding the upcoming SVWM Program EIS/EIR, the following comments were prepared for your consideration. These comments are geared toward Glenn County's current situation, but may be helpful to others now or in the future.

At the August 21 meeting it was stated that each participant in the SVWM Program will be responsible for developing their own method of addressing issues relating to third party pumping impacts or injuries and identifying the means to remedy potential problems that may arise in such programs.

Over the past year, the Glenn County Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (WAC/TAC) have had numerous discussions on the issues relating to future programs such as the SVWM Program or direct sales of surface water to agriculture or others in the export community that involve groundwater substitution. The current Glenn County Groundwater Management Plan (Ordinance 1115) supports water and irrigation districts within the county in their efforts to develop conjunctive use programs. During these programs there are groundwater level monitoring and other requirements participants need to provide to the Board of Supervisors through the WAC and TAC. They include 1) the weekly amounts of groundwater extracted from each well, 2) the precise location of the well, 3) all pumping and non-pumping groundwater level measurements made during the groundwater substitution period, 4) the time periods during which groundwater substitution will occur, and 5) all the required environmental documentation. These requirements help to provide information necessary to answer questions if a problem does occur.

We are in the process of learning a great deal about the hydrogeology of the northern Sacramento Valley, and this information is being made available to all and is not confidential. The collection and dissemination of this and as much other information that can be gathered and made available to all water users within the region can do nothing more than make the position of participants in these programs stronger. In order to make these programs understandable by the community at large, it is important for participants to also publicly address and identify: 1) how possible effects on neighboring groundwater extractors will be measured and quantified, 2) how costs to investigate a complaint of abnormal groundwater level that is perceived to be associated with a pumping program will be funded for an impartial review, and 3) how claims for impact or injury will be addressed or funded.

Glenn County is fortunate to have the safe yield of groundwater in the county to be based on the Basin Management Objective method which, we are aware, will be used as a monitoring tool in

the SVWM Program. The program that is being proposed will require a more than comprehensive groundwater level monitoring plan to satisfy the needs of all water users. Other counties will be depending on alternate methods to determine safe yield along with participating districts in their counties.

Glenn County has also been fortunate to have been awarded AB 303 funds for the installation of dedicated monitoring wells, and it is ultimately the goal of the County to develop BMO's based on a network of strategically placed dedicated wells. Initially, the dedicated wells installed were located in areas primarily dependent upon groundwater use. If, as in Glenn County's situation, current BMO's and future BMO's are to be used as a monitoring tool, then proper placement and construction of dedicated wells installed for monitoring of the SVWM Program should be reviewed and accepted by the WAC and TAC prior to their placement. Coordination of SVWM Program monitoring wells with the existing monitoring network will allow us to gain and pass on as much information as possible without a duplication of effort.

Appendix G
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Mailing List

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- Mr. David Christy
Western Area Power Administrator
- Mr. Robert D. Clark
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- Mr. Sabrina DeMayo
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Contra Costa Water District
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Madera Tribune
- Mr. James R. English
San Juan Water District

- Mr. Doug Fischer
The Oakland Tribune
- Ms. Maggie Franklin
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- Mr. William Gains
California Waterfowl Association
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- Ms. Margaret Gidding
California Bay-Delta Authority
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- Mr. Clay Gregory
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- Mr. Steve Hall
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- Mr. Todd Kepple
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- Matt Lasky
Sierra Club

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Sacramento Bee
- Mr. Ray Locker
Associated Press - Sacramento
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Northern California Water Association
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San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority
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- Mr. Vic Pollard
The Bakersfield Californian
- Mr. Dennis Pollock
The Fresno Bee

- Ms. Betsy Reifsnider
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California Environmental Protection Agency
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- Mr. Robert Stackhouse
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KMAX TV Channel 31
- Mr. Michael Taugher
Contra Costa Times
- Mr. James Taylor
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Mr. Ted Thomas
Department of Water Resources
- Ms. Nancy Vogel
Los Angeles Times
- Mr. Michael Wade
California Farm Water Coalition
- Mr. Brent Walthall
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- Mr. Dan Weiser
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- Mr. Stanley Young
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- Capitol Public Radio
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- Kern County Water Agency
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- Cortina Rancheria
- Grindstone Rancheria
- Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians Rancheria
- Redding Rancheria
- Rumsey Rancheria
- United Auburn Rancheria

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Public Scoping Meeting Sign-in Sheets –
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Address	<u>4525 Franklin Rd</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	<u>2810 Silver Street</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	<u>375 11th St.</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	<u>2800 Cottage Way</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	<u>703 B Street</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	<u>4874 Freshwater</u>	Would you like to be added to the project mailing list?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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